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United States July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Two Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2012, totaled 97.8 million head, two percent below the 100.0 million on July 1, 2011. This is the lowest all cattle and calves inventory for July 1 since the series began in 1973. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.7 million, were down two percent from July 1, 2011.

- Beef cows, at 30.5 million head, were down three percent from July 1, 2011.
- Milk cows, at 9.2 million, unchanged from July 1, 2011.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2012 and the changes from July 1, 2011, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 15.7 million, down two percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 4.2 million, unchanged
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.1 million, down two percent.
- Other heifers, 7.4 million, down three percent.
- Steers, weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.0 million, down one percent.
- Bulls, weighing 500 pounds and over, 1.9 million, down five percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 26.5 million, down three percent
- All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.3 million, up one percent.

Calf Crop Down Two Percent

The 2012 calf crop is expected to be 34.5 million head, down two percent from 2011. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.1 million, down two percent from 2011.

Cattle and Calves by Class and Calf Crop - United States: July 1, 2011-2012

Class	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves.....	100,000.0	97,800.0	98
Cows and heifers that have calved.....	40,600.0	39,700.0	98
Beef cows.....	31,400.0	30,500.0	97
Milk cows.....	9,200.0	9,200.0	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over.....	16,000.0	15,700.0	98
Beef cow replacement.....	4,200.0	4,200.0	100
Milk cow replacement.....	4,200.0	4,100.0	98
Other heifers.....	7,600.0	7,400.0	97
Steers 500 pounds and over.....	14,200.0	14,000.0	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over.....	2,000.0	1,900.0	95
Calves under 500 pounds.....	27,200.0	26,500.0	97
Calf crop.....	35,313.2	34,500.0	98
Cattle on feed.....	12,200.0	12,300.0	101

Layers and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production in Florida during June 2012 was 182 million eggs, seven percent below the previous month. Total egg production was 187 million eggs compared to 200 million eggs the previous month.

United States

United States egg production totaled 7.50 billion during June 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 965 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2012 averaged 337 million, up slightly from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,227 eggs, down slightly from June 2011.

All layers in the United States on July 1, 2012 totaled 335 million, down slightly from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 51.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.81 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2012, averaged 73.9 eggs per 100 layers, down one percent from July 1, 2011.

Hatchery Production

Florida

The June hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.74 million, was two percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on July 1, 2012, at 4.06 million, were one percent below a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during June 2012 totaled 756 million, down one percent from June 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 612 million on July 1, 2012, down one percent from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.80 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2012, down six percent from June 2011.

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2012 totaled 39.4 million, up one percent from June 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.2 million on July 1, 2012, down one percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 119 thousand during June 2012, down 61 percent from June 2011.

Milk Production

Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 204 million pounds of milk during June 2012, five percent above the previous June. Production per cow in June at 1,660 pounds was one percent above June of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in June totaled 123,000 head, three percent above June of last year.

United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during June totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from June 2011. May revised production at 16.4 billion pounds, was up 1.9 percent from May 2011. The May revision represented a decrease of 22 million pounds, or 0.1 percent, from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,827 pounds for June, seven pounds above June 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.51 million head, 57,000 head more than June 2011, and 14,000 head less than May 2012.

Cattle on Feed

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on July 1, 2012. The inventory was three percent above July 1, 2011. The inventory included 6.74 million steers and steer calves, up four percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.92 million head, up one percent from 2011. Placement in feedlots during June totaled 1.66 million, two percent above 2011. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighting less than 600 pounds were 460,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 390,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 494,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.97 million, six percent below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 during June, eight percent above 2011.

Layers and Egg Production for Selected States and United States: June 2012

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Eggs per 100 for all layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	(number)
Alabama.....	9,173	175	1,908
Arkansas.....	12,407	252	2,031
California.....	19,623	446	2,273
Colorado.....	4,240	101	2,382
Connecticut.....	2,309	54	2,339
Florida.....	8,415	187	2,222
Georgia.....	16,766	354	2,111
Illinois.....	4,441	100	2,252
Indiana.....	24,276	557	2,294
Iowa.....	51,833	1,185	2,286
Maine.....	3,493	81	2,319
Maryland.....	2,295	51	2,222
Michigan.....	11,456	278	2,427
Minnesota.....	10,246	234	2,284
Mississippi.....	5,787	117	2,022
Missouri.....	6,901	159	2,304
Nebraska.....	9,157	223	2,435
New York.....	4,491	108	2,405
North Carolina.....	12,890	254	1,971
Ohio.....	27,305	603	2,208
Oregon.....	2,076	51	2,457
Pennsylvania.....	23,722	560	2,361
South Carolina.....	4,273	88	2,059
South Dakota.....	2,091	51	2,439
Texas.....	18,663	408	2,186
Utah.....	3,695	82	2,219
Virginia.....	2,983	58	1,944
Washington.....	6,816	151	2,215
Wisconsin.....	5,030	109	2,167
Other States ¹	20,009	425	2,124
United States.....	336,862	7,502	2,227

¹Includes data for States not listed in this table.

Hatchery Production - United States

Item	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Egg-Type			
Eggs in incubators: July 1.....	34,606	34,193	99
Chicks hatched during June.....	38,920	39,410	101
Chicks hatched January through June.....	246,436	242,591	98
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	302	119	39
Cumulative potential placements 7-18 months earlier ¹	3,027	3,053	101
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in incubators July 1.....	619,154	611,978	99
Chicks hatched during June.....	766,371	756,316	99
Chicks hatched January through June.....	4,632,521	4,502,857	97
Pullets hatched during June for intended placements:			
Hatchery supply flocks.....	7,211	6,800	94
Cumulative potential placements 7-15 months earlier ²	64,558	62,547	97

¹ 2012 Includes pullet chicks hatched December 2010 through November 2011.

² 2012 includes pullet chicks hatched March 2011 through November 2011

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Milk Production by Quarters - United States

Month	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk Production ²	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
January-March.....	9,168	9,254	5,286	5,513	48,459	51,017
April-June.....	9,191	9,257	5,489	5,561	50,448	51,482
July-September.....	9,200		5,292		48,684	
October-December.....	9,216		5,279		48,654	
Annual Total.....	9,194		21,345		196,245	

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Florida dairy farms produced 204 million pounds of milk during June 2012.

Milk Cows and Production - Florida and United States

Month and year	Milk Cows ¹	Monthly milk Production ²	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(million pounds)
Florida			
June 2011.....	119	1,630	194
May 2012.....	123	1,770	218
June 2012.....	123	1,660	204
23 Major States			
June 2011.....	8,450	1,820	15,382
May 2012.....	8,521	1,923	16,382
June 2012.....	8,507	1,827	15,543
United States			
June 2011.....	9,196	1,796	16,518
May 2012.....	9,260	1,900	17,592
June 2012.....	9,241	1,804	16,670

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Livestock Slaughter

Florida

Commercial red meat production in Florida for June 2012 was 8.8 million pounds, seven percent below last month and 12 percent below last year.

United States

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in June 2012, down five percent from 4.22 billion pounds produced in June 2011.

Beef and Veal Production: Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was five percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.87 million head, down eight percent from June 2011. The average liveweight was up 28 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds. Veal production totaled 8.9 million pounds, 20 percent below June 2011. Calf slaughter totaled 56,000 head, down 23 percent from June 2011. The average live weight was up four pounds from last year, at 270 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, down four percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.55 million head, down four percent from June 2011. The average liveweight was up one pound from the previous year, at 274 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.4 million pounds, was down one percent from June 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 168,900 head, eight percent below last year. The average liveweight was 147 pounds, up ten pounds from June a year ago.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	June 2011	May 2012	June 2012	Year to date 2011	Year to date 2012
Florida					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	8.1	6.2	6.4	40.4	32.3
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	1,057	843	766	5,540	4,455
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0	1.2
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	11	13	14	63	79
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	10.0	9.5	8.8	56.7	55.3
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	3,101.7	2,875.6	2,866.2	16,953.9	16,338.4
Total liveweight million pounds	3,901	3,674	3,691	21,492	21,078
Average liveweight pounds	1,262	1,280	1,290	1,272	1,293
Beef production million pounds	2,375.0	2,232.0	2,252.2	12,968.8	12,757.3
Calves:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	72.5	59.2	56.0	406.4	359.0
Total liveweight million pounds	19	17	15	109	101
Average liveweight pounds	266	295	270	276	280
Veal production million pounds	11.2	10.4	8.9	65.1	59.5
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	8,939.0	9,284.9	8,548.2	53,593.2	54,763.2
Total liveweight million pounds	2,435	2,573	2,338	14,804	15,189
Average liveweight pounds	273	277	274	276	277
Pork production million pounds	1,820.0	1,926.8	1,750.4	11,089.2	11,376.6
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	183.7	180.4	168.9	1,081.8	1,050.9
Total liveweight million pounds	25	27	25	95	101
Lamb and Mutton million pounds	12.6	13.6	12.4	76.1	77.5
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	4,218.8	4,182.8	4,024.0	24,199.1	24,271.0

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.